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Applicant hereby submits the following references (with pertinent translations):

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| U.S. No. 4,306,511 | FR 2358214     |
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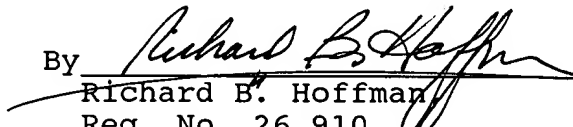
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